

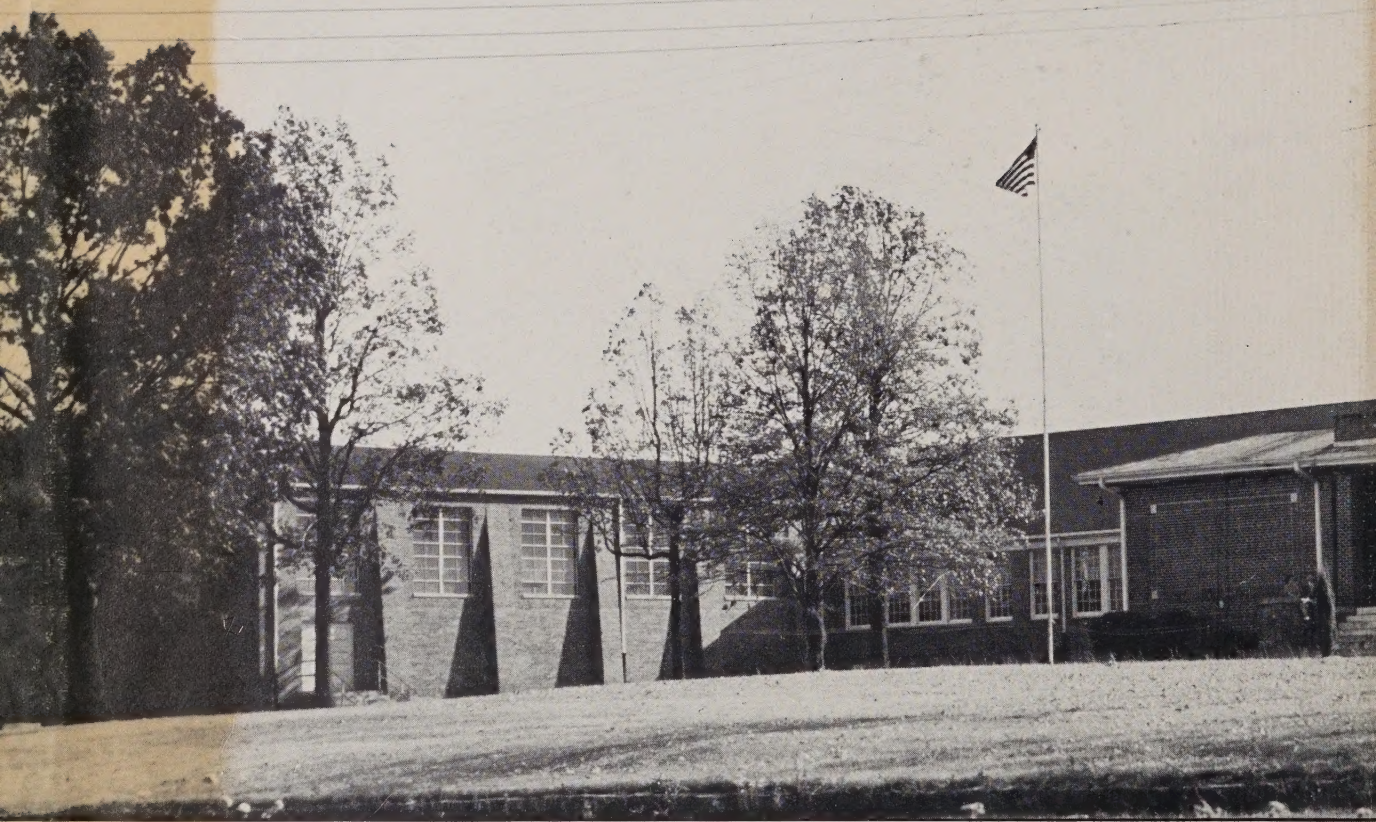


*The* **ROSPHIAN**

1954











### ALMA MATER

We've got the finest school that's in the land.  
We'll set our goal and there we'll take a stand.  
To put old Rock Springs on the top, top, top.  
We'll do this and we'll never stop, stop, stop.  
So fight, fight fight, fight all the time,  
And soon the whole wide world will quickly find.  
We'll stand for work, play, fun, pep, zip-boom-bah,  
Zip-boom-bah,  
Rah, Rah, Rah.





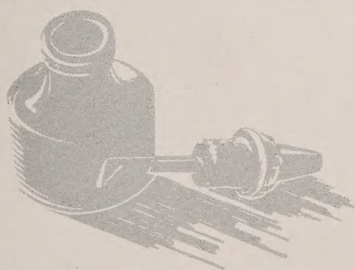
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ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL  
Presents**

*The  
Rosphian  
Of*  
**1954**



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# Foreword

In this volume of THE ROSPHIAN the staff has attempted to portray as accurately as possible life as we have known it at Rock Springs School. May it keep alive memories that will be "just like a melody."







## *Dedication*

There is one among our number whom we love for her sweet friendliness, her understanding sympathy, her real sincerity, and her unwavering loyalty. She has unselfishly given her best to the Class of '54 in the front ranks of every field. In grateful appreciation of the many services she has rendered us, we dedicate this volume of THE ROSPHIAN to

"MRS. MARTHA BAKER"





## *In Memoriam*



TO  
DOROTHY POOLE

May 11, 1936

February 19, 1951

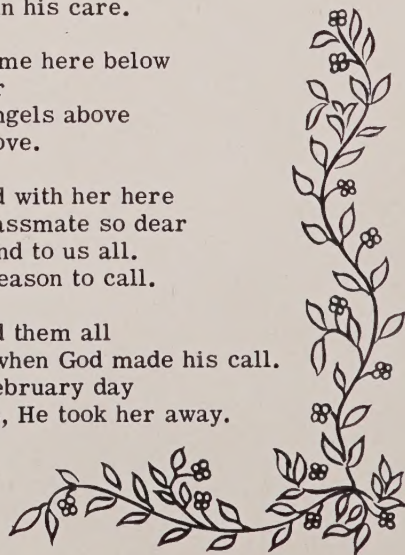
We were all playing ball on that bright sunny day  
When the Master called our dear playmate away  
To live in a mansion so bright and so fair.  
And to rest forever in his wonderful care.

For out of worldly garden of love  
Dear Jesus has taken a beautiful bud  
Far away to his home filled with mansions so fair  
To keep her forever, now safe in his care.

So happy, Dot seemed in her home here below  
But God needed helpers like her  
To live in that home with the Angels above  
And to bloom in his garden of love.

Ne're did we think as we walked with her here  
That God would summon our classmate so dear  
For she was so kind, and a friend to us all.  
But we must not question His reason to call.

A lover of sports, Dotty entered them all  
'Twas a sport she was playing when God made his call.  
He called her to Heaven on a February day  
From loved ones and playmates, He took her away.

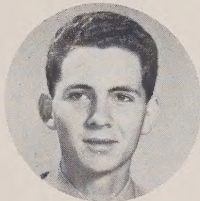




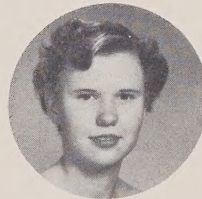
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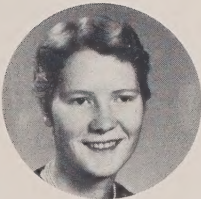
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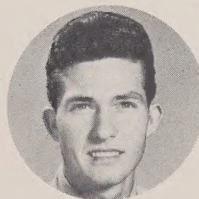
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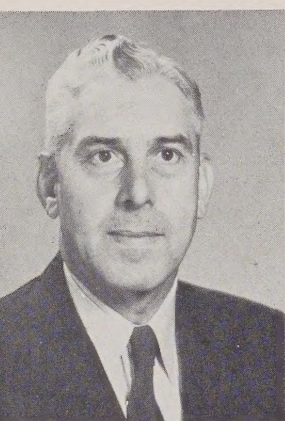
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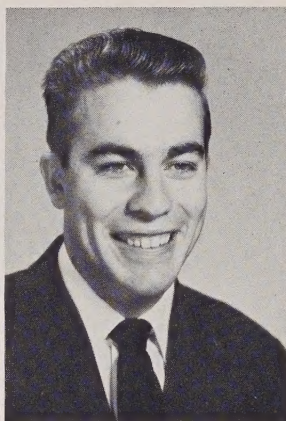
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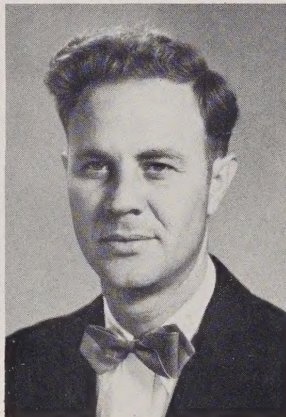
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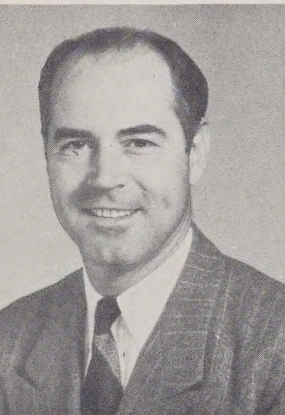
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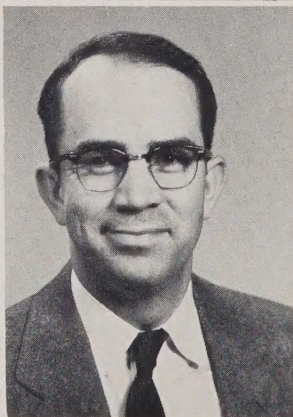
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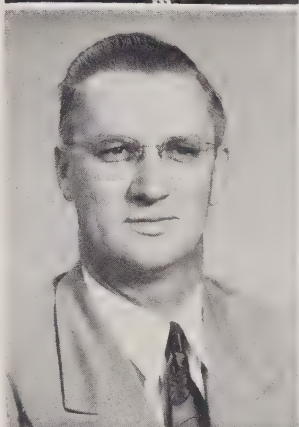
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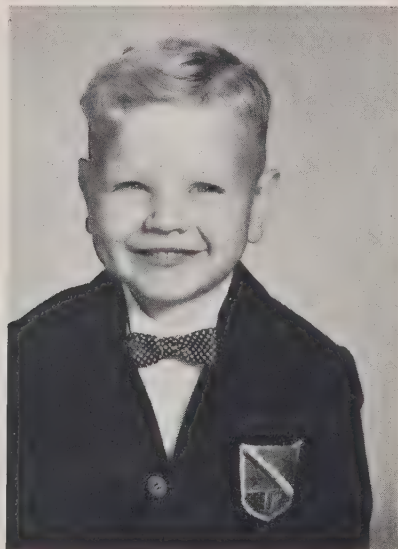


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## *Mascots*



Dale Beatty



Jackie Stroupe



## Senior Class Officers



President: Louise Waters, Vice President: Tommy Little, Secretary: Betty Little, Treasurer: Prue Reynolds.

### CLASS SONG

(Tune of Vaya Con Dios)

Now our school days here are o're, the year is ending;  
An inviting call to us the future's sending.  
Farewell, dear Rock Springs, we're leaving,  
May God be with you, Rock Springs.

Now the class of '54 must face tomorrow.  
We will share the happiness; endure the sorrow.  
Farewell, dear Rock Springs, we're leaving,  
May God be with you, Rock Springs.

No matter where we roam your truths will guide us;  
Our minds will wander back to mem'ries here.  
With thanks for all the deeds of kindness shown us,  
We step on out in life to find a new and opening year.

Now the time for us to part is drawing nearer.  
But for each a wider path is growing clearer.  
Farewell, dear Rock Springs, we're leaving,  
May God be with you, Rock Springs.

Jackie Ledford

CLASS FLOWER  
Yellow Rose

CLASS MOTTO  
"They conquer who believe they can."

CLASS COLORS  
Green and White



# Seniors

**NELLIE MAE ABERNATHY**

"I can't!"

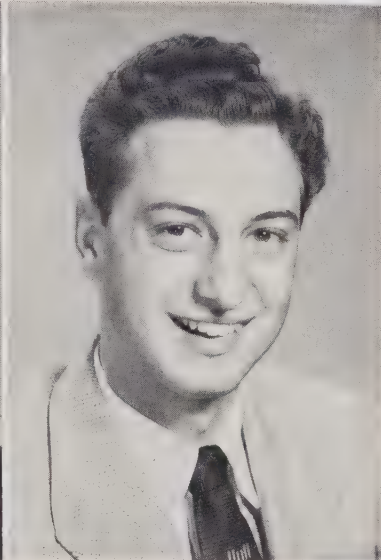
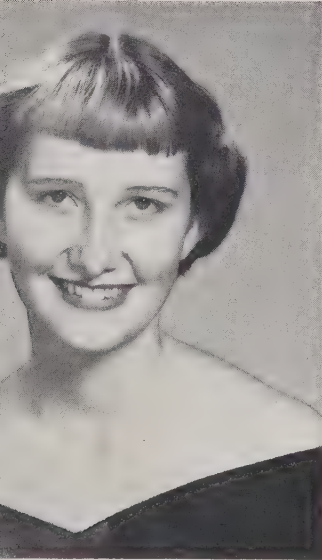
August 28  
Cheerleader 1; Lunch Room Staff 1; Science Club 1; F. H. A. Song Leader 2; Dramatics Club 2; May Court 2; Junior-Senior Banquet Waitress 2; Softball Team 1, 2; Chief Marshal 3; F. H. A. Reporter 4; Manager Girls Basketball team 3, 4; F. H. A. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4; Library Staff 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4-H Club 3, 4.



**BARBARA JEAN BARKER**

"Heck No!"

October 10  
F. H. A. 1, 2; Junior-Senior Waitress 1, 2; Dramatics 3, 4; Ripple Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Gregg Writers 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President of 4-H Club 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 4.



**ELSIE KAYE BARKER**

"Der' you go!"

November 19  
4-H Club 1; Softball 1, 2; Waitress 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Dramatics Club 1, 3; Class Treasurer 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Ripple Editor 4; Cafeteria Staff 4; Journalism Club 4; Gregg Writers 4.

**HENRY CLAY BARKLEY, JR.**

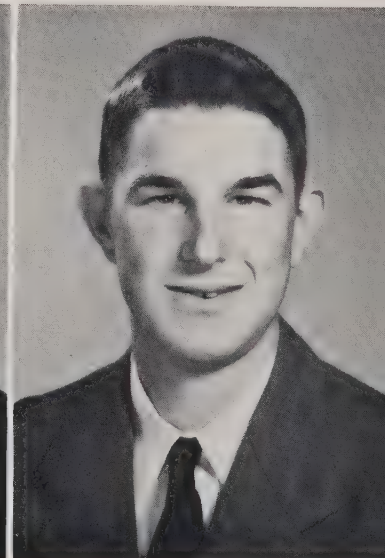
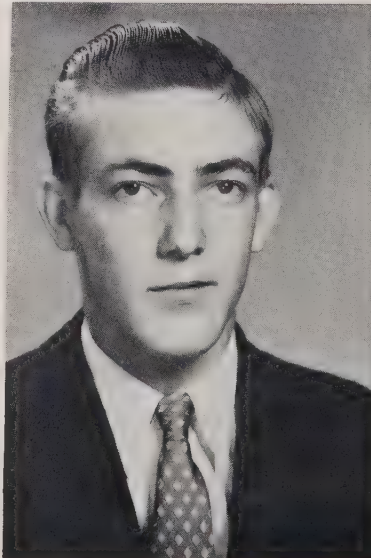
"You Mullet!"

September 25  
F. F. A. 1, 2; Science Club 1; Mr. Rosphian 2; Secretary Spanish Club 3; Marshal 3; Glee Club 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Historian 4.

**NORMAN DEFRELL BLACK**

"Who, me?"

March 11  
F. F. A. 1, 2; Glee Club 2; Journalism Club 4; Ripple Staff 4.



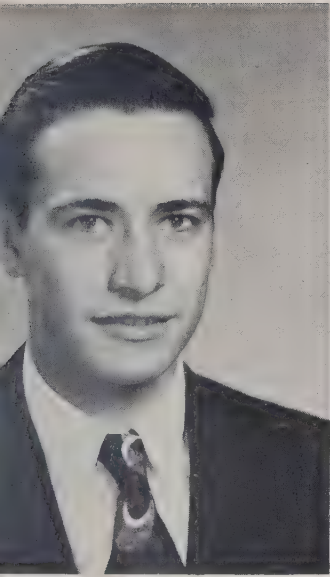
**FLOYD EUGENE BROWN**

"I'm Here To Tell you Boy!"

May 8  
North Mecklenburg High School 1, 2; F. F. A. 3, 4; Ripple Staff 4; Journalism Club 4.



# Seniors



**WILLIAM LEONARD CHRISTOPHER**

"Let's See Now!"

"Leonard"

April 3

F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Ripple Staff 4; Journalism Club 4.

**RAY EUGENE CLONINGER**

"I ain't gonna do it!"

"Ray"

July 16

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Greenhand Reporter 1; F. F. A. Reporter 4; Science Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club Treasurer 3; Waiter of Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Co-Captain Basketball 4.

**ANITA DARLENE CROUSE**

"Oh, you little nut!"

"Anita"

February 4

Class Reporter 1; F. H. A. Greenhand Queen 1; Junior - Senior Waitress 1; President of Class 2; Secretary of 4-H Club 2; Driver's Course 2; Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3; Softball 2, 3; Spanish Club 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Junior-Senior Banquet Chairman 3; Ripple Staff 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Assistant Editor of "Rosphian" 4; Band 4; Feature Editor of Ripple 4; Journalism Club 4.

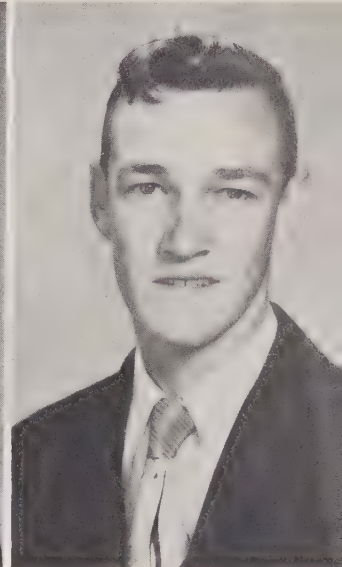
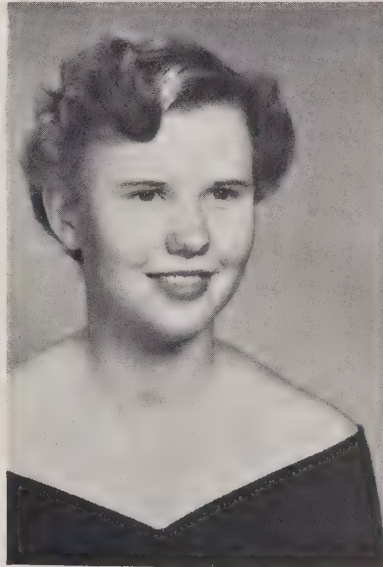
**RUSSELL LEE DELLINGER**

"I Don't Know!"

"Shorty"

May 20

F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3; Ripple Staff 4; Journalism Club 4; Glee Club 1; Class Treasurer 2; Dramatics Club 1, 2.



**CHARLES RUSSELL HAGER**

"What ya say, hon!"

"Charlie"

September 9

F. F. A. President 2; Driver's Course 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President Beta Club 3, 4; Ripple Staff 3; Student Council 3; Manager Basketball team 3, 4; Assistant Bus Driver 3, 4; Editor of "Rosphian" 4.

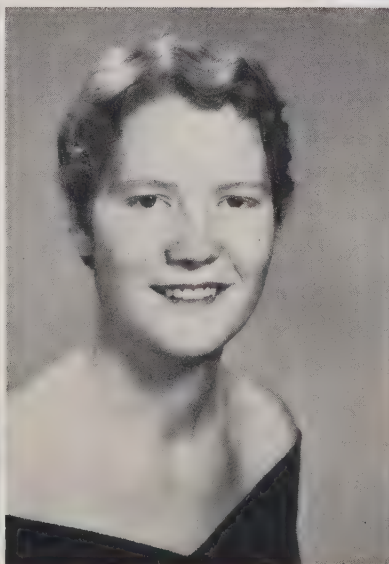
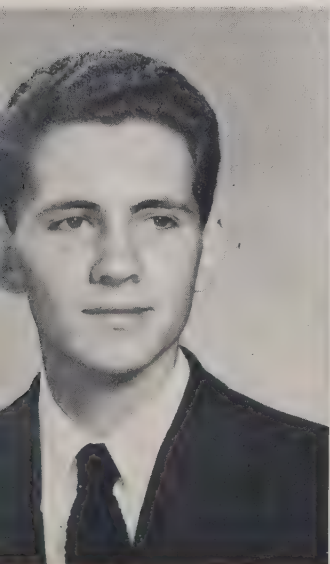
**DOLLY MARILYN HAGER**

"You better believe it!"

"Red"

August 25

Dramatics Club 1, 2; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Class Reporter 2; Library Staff 2, 4; Ripple Staff 2, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 3; Marshal 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Co-Captain 4; Cafeteria Staff 4; Gregg Writers 4; Journalism Club 4; Sports Editor of "Rosphian" 4; Science Club 1.





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TED NIXON KAYLOR

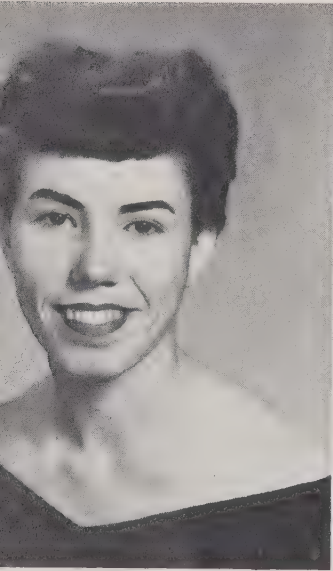
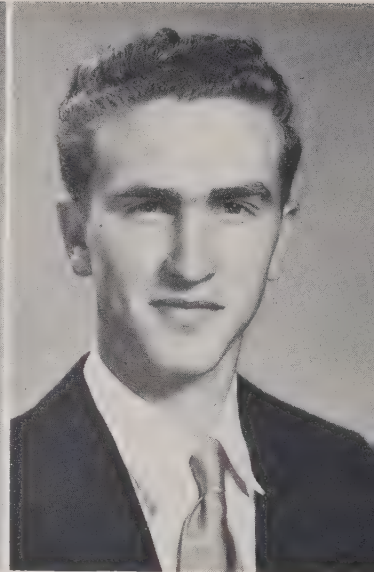
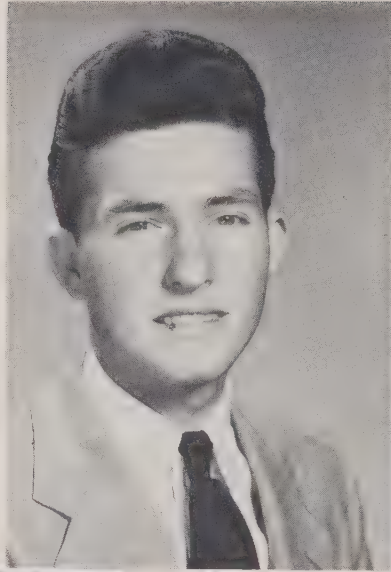
Ha! Ha!

"Ted" December 17  
Dramatics Club 1; F. F. A. 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Journalism Club 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHNNY LOWELL KILLIAN

"Go tell it to the Marines!"

"Johnny" December 24  
F. F. A. 1, 2; F. F. A. Vice President 2; Student Council Treasurer 2; Class Vice President 2; Spanish Club 3; Ripple Staff 4; Journalism Club 4.



DOROTHY JACQUELEEN LEDFORD

"Oh-o-o!"

"Jackie" April 19  
Girl's Chorus 1; Vice President of Class 1; Science Club 2; Drivers Education 2; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Program Chairman of Beta Club 3; President of Beta Club 4; Office Staff 3, 4; Student Council 4; Ripple Staff 4; Class Poet 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

GLADYS JEWELL LINEBERGER

"This world and one more!"

"Jewell" August 13  
Sherrill's Ford 1, 2; Class President 3; Dramatics Club 3; Spanish Club 3; Spanish Club Reporter 3; Office Staff 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club Program Chairman 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Class Prophet 4; Business Manager of Rosphian 4.

BETTY SUE LITTLE

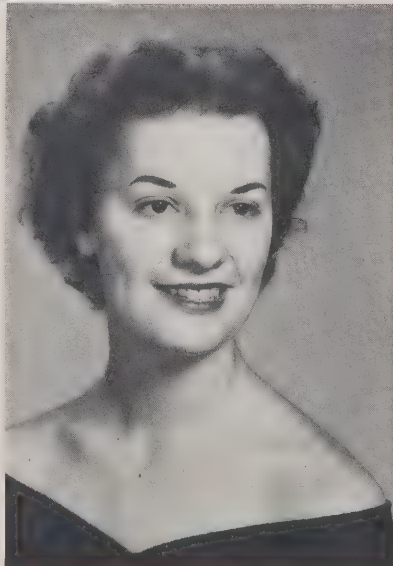
"Good grief!"

"Betty" April 17  
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BILLY MACK LITTLE

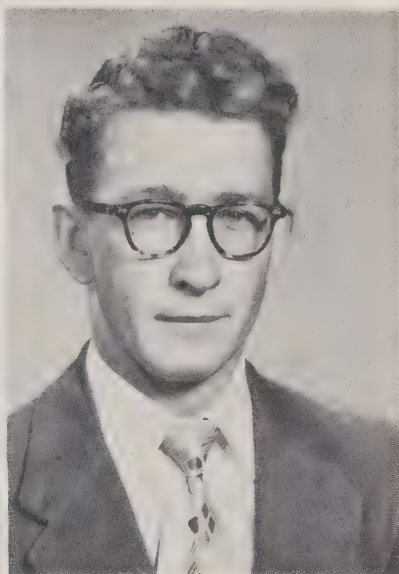
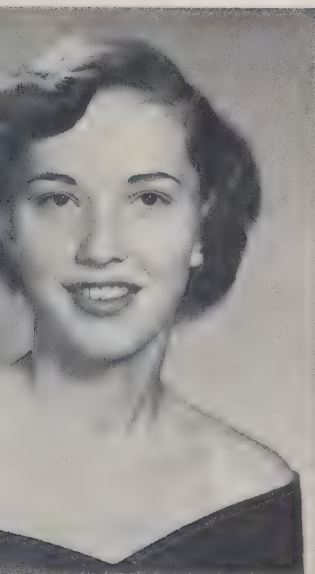
"Aw!"

"Bill" May 19  
F. F. A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1; Assistant Bus Driver 2; Spanish Club 3.





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NANCY RUTH LITTLE

"I did not!"

"Nancy Ruth" August 5  
Junior-Senior Waitress 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 2; Drivers Course 2; Softball 2, 3; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Ripple Staff 3; 4-H Club 3; F. H. A. Secretary 3; Joke Editor of Ripple 4; Journalism Club 4; Class Editor of "Rosphian" 4; Library Staff 4; Gregg Writers 4.

TOMMY CURTIS LITTLE

"Huh?"

"Tommy" January 11  
Class Secretary 1; Science Club 1; Marshal 3; Junior-Senior Banquet Waiter 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Vice President of Class 4; Journalism Club 4; Student Council Vice President 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

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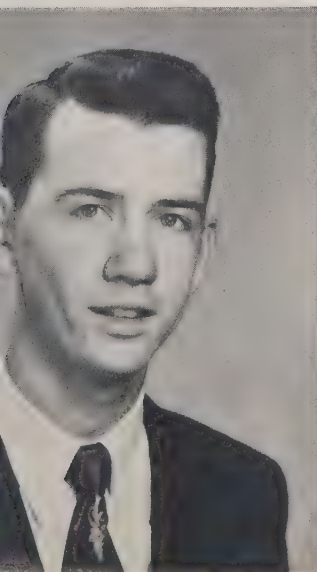
"You better know it!"

"Luckey" March 25  
Junior-Senior Waitress 1, 2; Basketball 1, 3; Drivers Course 2; Softball 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Dramatics Club Vice President 3; Cafeteria Staff 4; Ripple Staff 4; Photograph Editor of "Rosphian" 4; Cheerleader 4; Assistant Editor of Ripple 4.

DONALD RICHARD MILLER

"Ah, Foot!"

"Don" October 31  
F. F. A. 1, 2; Glee Club 4; Dramatics Club 4; Baseball 3, 4; Journalism Club 4; Ripple Staff 4.



WALTER THOMAS MUNDY

"What-cha talking about?"

"Walter" August 31  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Vice President F. F. A. 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Class Editor of Ripple 4; Glee Club Secretary and Treasurer 4; 4-H Club President 4; Journalism Club 4; Testator of "Rosphian" 4.

MYRTLE VIRGINIA NEWTON

"I don't know!"

"Myrtle" July 6  
Science Club 1; Office Staff 2; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Dramatics Club 3; Library Staff 3, 4; Ripple Staff 4.

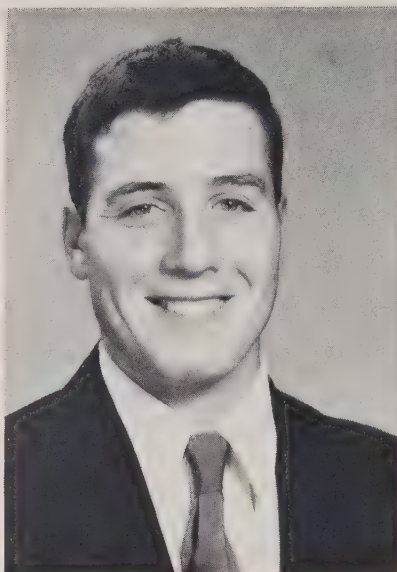


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**BURGIN SHERRILL NIXON**

"If I get out of this world alive, I'll  
do better in the next one."

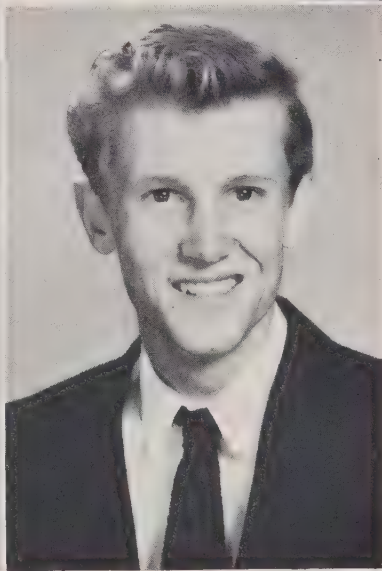
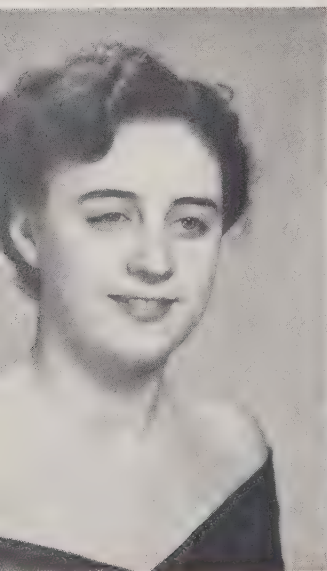
"Buggin" September 19  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Journalism  
Club 4; Ripple Staff 4.



**DOROTHY LEE PERKINS**

"Down boy!"

"Dot" December 5  
Lunch-room staff 1; Basketball 1; 4-H Club 1,  
2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Softball 1, 2; Glee Club 2,  
3, 4; Cheerleader 4; May Court 2; Ripple Staff  
4; Journalism Club 4.



**PRUE ANN REYNOLDS**

"Oh, shut up!"

"Prue" November 16  
May Court 2; F. H. A. 2, 3; Library Staff 2, 3,  
4; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club Vice President  
3; President of 4-H County Council 3; Glee  
Club 3, 4; Feature Editor of "Rosphian" 4;  
Class Treasurer 4; Cafeteria Staff 4; Jour-  
nalism Club 4; Gregg Writers 4; Gossip Editor  
of Ripple 4; Junior-Senior Waitress 1, 2.

**WILLIAM RICHARD SHERRILL**

"Now don't-cha tell Mrs. Baker!"

"Richard" November 13  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Base-  
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 4; Ripple Staff  
4; F. F. A. Sentenial 4.

**PERRY PAUL SIFFORD**

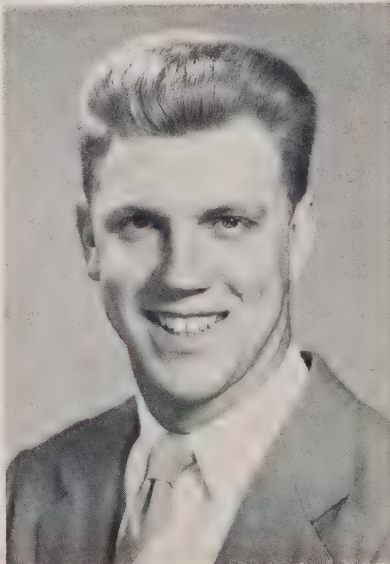
"Dig that cat!"

"Turkey" November 12  
F. F. A. 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2; Driver's  
Course 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President  
of class 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4;  
Cheerleader 4.

**KERMIT NEAL SIGMON**

"Aw shucks"

"Kook, Kukoy" April 18  
Science Club 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club  
1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2,  
3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4;  
Baseball 3, 4; Band 4; Debating 4; F. F. A.  
Reporter 2, 3; Class Reporter 3; 4-H Song  
leader 4; Director of Glee Club 4; Basket-  
ball Co-Captain 4; President Student Council  
4; President 4-H County Council 4.





# Seniors



ELIZABETH LOUISE WATERS

"I know it!"

"Louise"

July 13

Catawba 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 4; Glee Club 4;  
Gregg Writers 4; Journalism Club 4; Senior  
Class President 4; Office Staff 4; Ripple Staff  
4.

## Class History

When we thirty-four freshmen began our journey in high school in 1950, we thought we knew everything which a student brain could acquire. We knew that we must select our leaders in order to accomplish our years work. We elected Ted Kaylor president, Jackie Ledford vice-president, Tommy Little secretary, and Billy Mack Little treasurer. We had a successful year and looked forward to being sophomores the following fall.

When the ringing bell called us together again, thirty-one of us took another step up the ladder, climbing effortlessly to our yonder goal. Anita Crouse was our president, Johnny Killian Vice-President, Nancy Little secretary, and Russell Dellinger treasurer. We added to our knowledge much more than we thought possible, and wondered what more we could learn in our third year of high school.

Back in the fall of '52, we the Juniors of Rock Springs had many, many dreams to look forward to. First we elected officers to guide our way through the year. Jewell Lineberger was chosen president, Perry Sifford vice-president, Dolly Hager secretary, and Elsie Barker treasurer. Our Junior Play, "Pride and Prejudice," was really a bang, and we had loads of fun presenting it.

Our Junior-Senior Banquet was everything we had ever dreamed of, only our decorations did not arrive in time. In two days we made all the necessities and when the night arrived we knew it would not have been more perfect if Michigan had sent all the decorations it owned. As the remaining days of our Junior year passed we realized that it would be only a short time before we would become dignified Seniors.

The final call came in '53, when thirty-one of our little band returned, this time hoping to fill our brains to capacity. We needed accurate guidance, so we chose as our officers Louise Waters president, Tommy Little vice-president, Betty Little secretary and Prue Reynolds treasurer. The banquet, on which the Juniors worked so faithfully, was an event that made our Senior year stand out vividly.

On graduation night, as we walked up the aisle to receive our diplomas, we knew that our twelve years work had not been in vain. It not only meant that we were graduating from Rock Springs, but it was the stepping stone to our future. As we walked from the doors of our school, we took with us all the treasured memories. No matter where we roam or what we do, the memories we shared at Rock Springs High will live in our hearts forever.

Junior Barkley  
Historian



## *Class Prophecy*

Never before, had I seen a city of such beauty. Everything looked perfect, and everyone seemed unbelievably happy. There was a swell of music in the breeze which instantly made me feel free and different. I didn't know the name of the city, but I knew I was going to enjoy being here.

As I neared the sound of music I saw that a group of people had gathered. Among them were two classmates of mine, Kermit Sigmon and Jackie Ledford. Their talents were being displayed clearly, because they were leading their group in a true Christian spirit, as they had always done.

Later, I asked Jackie if she would show me about the city and help me to find some of our classmates. She explained that a few of them were in distant cities finishing their tasks so they could come here later. Charles Hager was selling some kind of things called "hot rods"-----whatever that is. Barbara Barker was private secretary to some fellow by the name of Tony Curtis. Nancy Ruth had managed to marry one of the local boys and had succeeded in rearing five daughters. Somehow Billy Mack turned out being principal of Rock Springs School and Myrtle Newton was teaching chemistry there. I wasn't surprised to hear that Walter Mundy had taken over Jackie Gleason's T. V. program, or that Eugene Brown was a highstrung lawyer and had accumulated quite a bit of money.

As we walked on down the street we did meet many of our classmates-----Shirley and her husband, who had never gotten rich, but seemed quite pleased with life; and Ted Kaylor who admitted being a bachelor, but quickly added it was absolutely by choice.

Then we saw, among a group of little boys, Ray Cloninger and Jr. Barkley. Of course they were telling all their baseball experiences, and I must say they weren't exaggerating a bit, believe it or not.

We passed by a beautiful mansion and who do you think was sitting on the porch rocking away in an old fashioned rocking chair but Tommy Little. Yes, and he looked as though he were actually living in paradise. I assumed he had finally retired from farming and was taking things easy.

The city which stretched before me seemed endless with its glorious array of splendor. We decided to go into one of the buildings and as we did, I saw Anita Crouse and Betty Little. They told me they were celebrating the arrival of their husbands, who had been away in other cities for years. Celebrating with them were Perry and Norman; they, too, were waiting, hoping that very soon their loved ones would be able to join them.

Walking back into the street, I ran into Richard Sherrill and knocked him sprawling. As I scrambled to help him up I knew he was going to be on the war path. But instead he smiled and shook hands with me. I realized there was something strange about this city. Strange indeed!! Richard informed me that Nellie was nursing in another city and Dot Perkins was running a bachelor boarding house in the same town, but both were making plans to come here.

Turning back to look at the scenery I had just covered, I noticed that three boys were entering the city gate. It was none other than Johnny Killian, Leonard Christopher, and Russell Dellinger. They had been finishing their military careers when they had been called here unexpectedly for duty, but they seemed very pleased with the change. They also told me that Donald Miller was now a general and Burgin was still a buck private, but assured me that he was the happiest buck private the U. S. Army ever had.

I found myself gazing into a window, and realized I was peering at familiar faces. Dolly Hager, Elsie Barker and Prue Reynolds were busy about a room. They explained they were preparing a banquet for the young people. They were interested because they had been mothers themselves.

Asking about Louise Waters, I learned she was here after doing successful work as a missionary in Korea.

It was amazing that I should learn the whereabouts of my classmates all in one day! But Jackie didn't agree, instead she led me beside a flowing river where the image of a young girl drifted into my sight. Dot Poole was sitting on the bank looking into the rushing waters. I didn't understand; yet there she was, smiling and as beautiful as the surroundings of glory. Suddenly all the pieces began falling into place, for at last I knew! Looking into Dot's face had given me the answer just as well as if she had spoken these words: "This is Heaven, The City of Eternity."

JEWELL LINEBERGER  
PROPHET



# *Last Will And Testament*

State of North Carolina  
County of Lincoln  
City of Denver  
Township of Catawba Springs

We, the Senior Class of Rock Springs High School, have after many a trying hour, reached the final goal of graduating. Now as we near the time of departure from our dear classmates and beloved school, we make our Last Will and Testament.

## ARTICLE I

To the Principal, Mr. Little, we leave all our unsigned excuses in hopes that he will someday use them as kindling.  
To Mrs. Erwin, we leave the hopes that someday she may have a quiet study hall.  
To Miss Caldwell, we leave all the formulas in hopes that someday a class will master them.  
To Mrs. Sigmon, we will all the misspelled words in the Ripple.  
To Mr. Carter, we leave all the carbonated drinks and popcorn left at Rock Springs.  
To Mr. Carpenter, we leave all the misplaced tools and keys in hopes that someday there will be a class that will always put them back in place.  
To Mrs. Little, we leave all the disturbances that we made while she was teaching music.  
To Mrs. Baker, we will our misspelled and mispronounced words.  
To Mr. Cathey, we leave all our unsolved Geometry problems.

## ARTICLE II

To the Juniors, we leave the privilege of studying Beowulf and Macbeth. (Go easy on them, Mrs. Baker!)  
To the Sophomores, we leave all the dignity we felt as Seniors.  
To the Freshman class, we leave the hope that they may have as much fun during their high school days as we did.

## ARTICLE III

I, Betty Sue Little, will my love for basketball to Anne Hager.  
I, Richard Sherrill, will my love for different girls to Jimmy Mundy.  
I, Russell Dellinger, will my lovely Chemistry book to Lorena Kaylor.  
I, Shirley Luckey, will my ability to be engaged before leaving high school to Linda Primm.  
I, Billy Mack Little, will my love for Spanish to Jerry Barkley.  
I, Norman Black, will my thirteenth year in school to any senior that has to come back next year.  
I, Kermit Sigmon, will my ability to play basketball to Elliott Potts.  
I, Eugene Brown, will my love for school to Jimmy Mundy.  
I, Jewell Lineberger, will my extra pounds to anyone who promises to appreciate, maintain and feed them as well as I have.  
I, Tommy Little, will my popularity to all the boys who like girls better than I do.  
I, Perry Sifford, will my hair to anyone who needs a blond poodle wig.  
I, Anita Crouse, will my ability to be a cheerleader for four years to Linda Rudisill and hope she has as much fun as I did.  
I, Dolly Hager, will my red hair to Jewell Hager who seems to want it more than I.  
I, Myrtle Newton, will my quietness on studyhall to Mary Alice Wright.  
I, Prue Reynolds, will my love for shorthand to Wayne Heffner.  
I, Ted Kaylor, will my school bus to Kenneth Sigmon.  
I, Charles Hager, will my curly hair to anyone who doesn't like a toni.  
I, Junior Barkley, will my physique to Jerry Barkley in hopes that he can use it as much as I have.  
I, Dot Perkins, will my slender waist line to Jewell Perkins.  
I, Jackie Ledford, will my alto voice to Joy Goodson in hopes that she won't let the sopranos out sing her in Glee Club next year.  
I, Louise Waters, will my smile to Merle Joy Black.  
I, Elsie Barker, will my good times in high school to Pansy Sherrill.  
I, Johnny Killian, will my twelve year collection of failing grades, Dewey buttons, and war stories to John David Grice.  
I, Burgin Nixon, will all my troubles with Mr. Little to anyone who cares to take them off of my mind.  
I, Nellie Abernathy, will my eyes to Murrey Sherrill in hopes that he can work the six muscles as well as I.  
I, Barbara Barker, will my blue eyes to Frances Stroupe.  
I, Leonard Christopher, will my witty ways to Christine Dellinger.  
I, Ray Cloninger, will my love for athletics to C. E. McCorkle.  
I, Nancy Ruth Little, will my freckles to Johnny Gallagher who likes them more than I.  
I, Donald Miller, will my dark skin to Joy Goodson.  
I, Walter Mundy, will all I have to anyone who doesn't need very much.

Witnesses:  
The Bowery Boys  
The East Side Kids  
The Three Stooges

Walter Mundy  
Contempt of Court  
Class of 1954  
R. S. H. S.





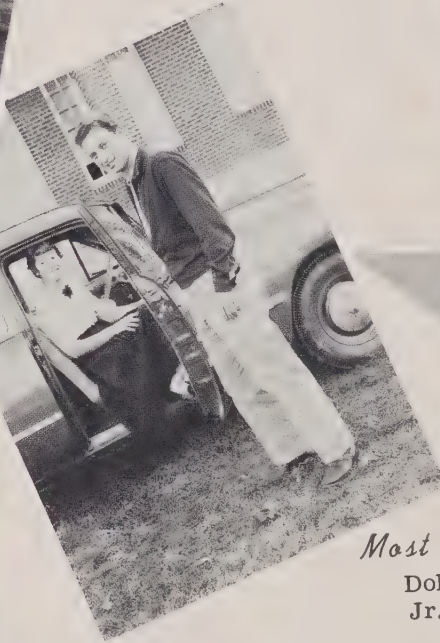
*Best Looking*

Johnny Killian  
Louise Waters



*Most Ambitious*

Jewell Lineberger  
Tommy Little



*Most Popular*

Dolly Hager  
Jr. Barkley



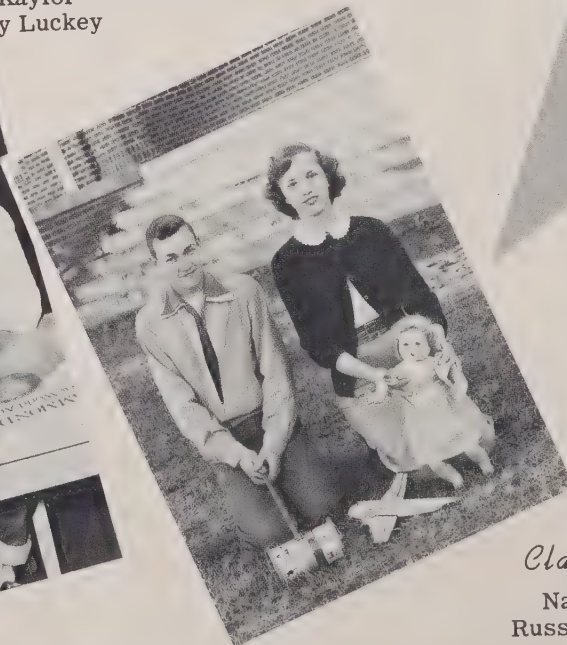
*Best All-Around*

Ted Kaylor  
Shirley Luckey



*Most Studious*

Prue Reynolds  
Perry Sifford



*Class Babies*

Nancy Little  
Russell Dellinger

*Senior*

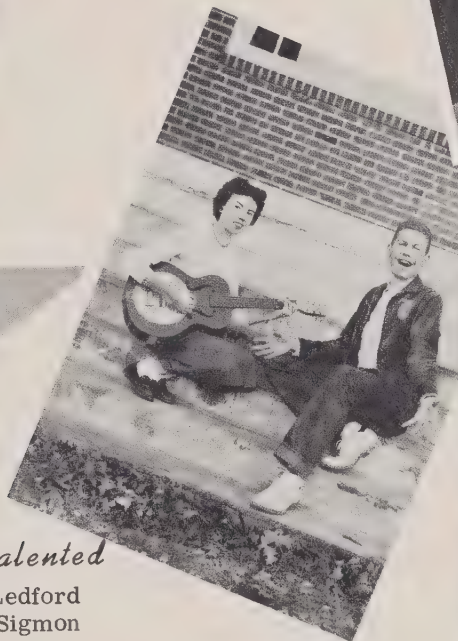




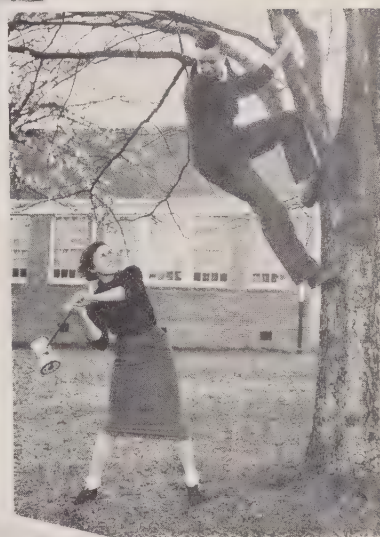
*Friend list*  
Walter Mundy  
Barbara Barker



*Cutest*  
Elsie Barker  
Richard Sherrill



*Most Talented*  
Jackie Ledford  
Kermit Sigmon



*Wittiest*  
Nellie Abernathy  
Leonard Christopher



*Most Athletic*  
Betty Little  
Ray Cloninger

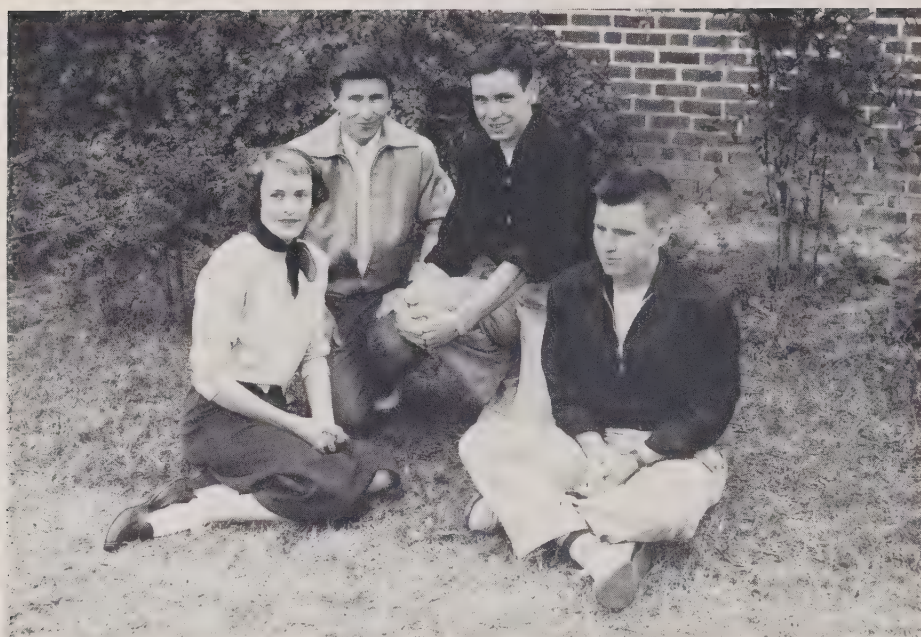


*Most Likely  
To Succeed*  
Anita Crouse  
Charles Hager

*Stars*



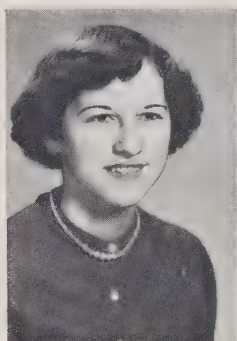
# *Juniors*



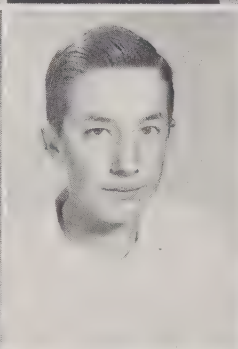
## OFFICERS

President  
Jimmy Mundy  
Vice President  
C. E. McCorkle  
Secretary  
Linda Primm  
Treasurer  
Murrey Sherrill

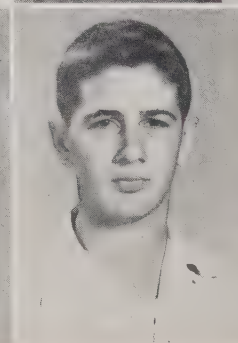
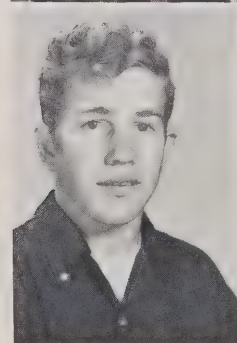
Elizabeth Ballard  
Sue Ballard  
Verline Ballard  
Merle Joy Black



Carolyn Brotherton  
Vernon Brotherton  
Marciene Cash  
Christine Dellinger



Kenneth Dellinger  
Joyce Duckworth  
Jerry Goodson  
Joy Goodson





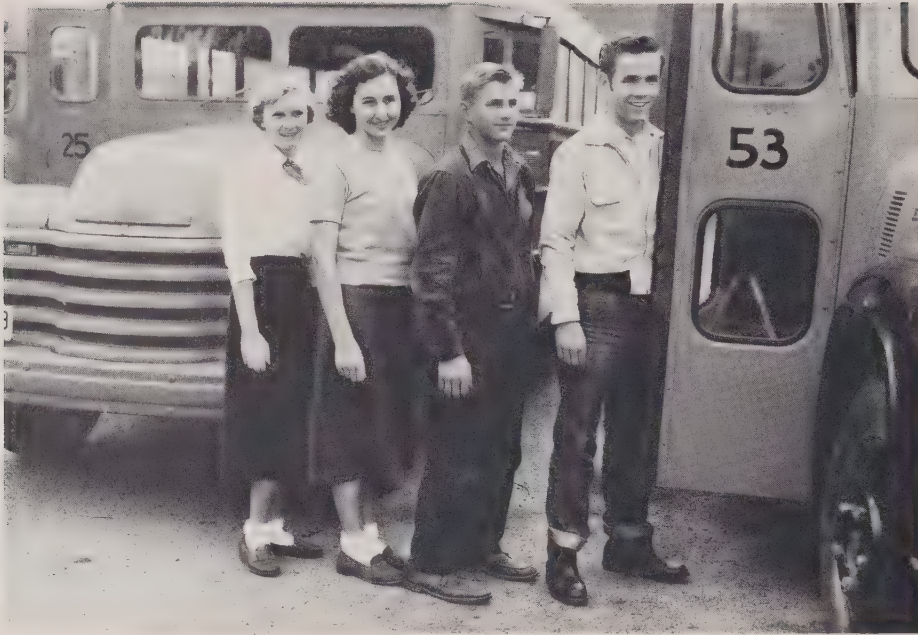
## *Juniors*



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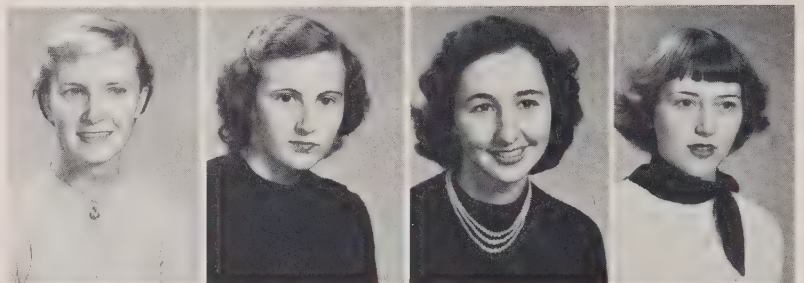


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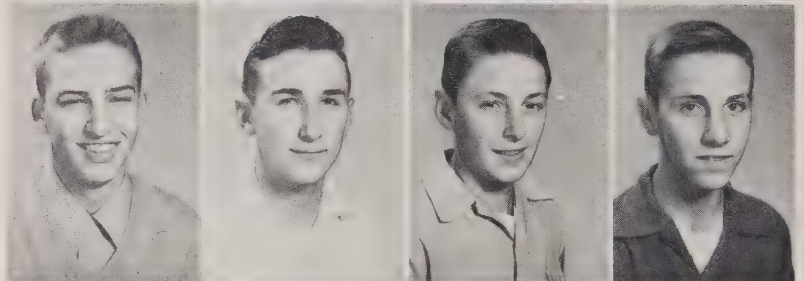


President  
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Vice President  
Dan Reel  
Secretary  
Betty Ballard  
Treasurer  
Jean Abernethy

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Marcene Abernathy  
Betty Ballard  
Joan Barber



Jerry Barkley  
Freddie Dellinger  
Jerry Dellinger  
R. C. Dellinger



Johnny Gallagher  
Billie Mae Grice  
John David Grice  
Anne Hager





# Sophomores



First Row: Roland Hager, Martha Haynes, Richard Henley, Bennie Sue Hoke, Robert Howie, Richard Keever. Second Row: Shelby Lineberger, Clarence Little, Loretta Little, Herbert Loftin, Donnie Nixon, Avis Perkins. Third Row: Elliott Potts, Fred Rainwater, Jerry Reel, Jane Reep, Heath Reinhardt, Jane Robinette. Fourth Row: Margaret Ross, Joe Rudisill, Coleen Shuford, Bobby Shull, Jimmy Sifford. Fifth Row: Ralph Sifford, Macie Varner, Nellie Wilkinson, Glenn Wilson. Not Pictured: Jimmy Keever, Dan Reel.

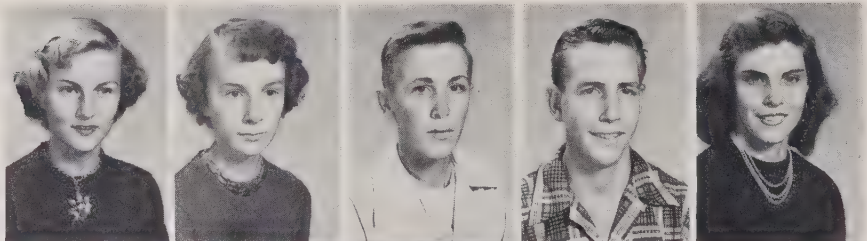


# Freshmen



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Wanda Lawing  
Vice President  
Rodney Wilkinson  
Secretary  
Julene Howard  
Treasurer  
B. C. Ballard

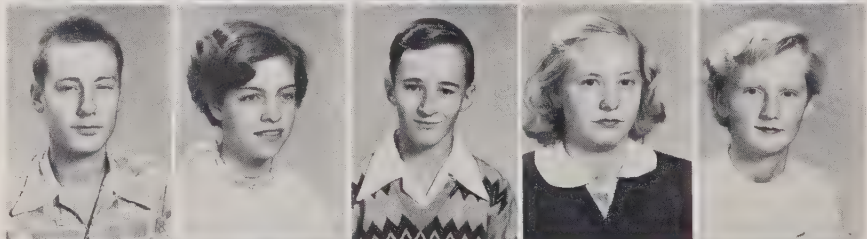
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Marilyn Abernethy  
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Harold Ballard  
Doris Jean Ballard



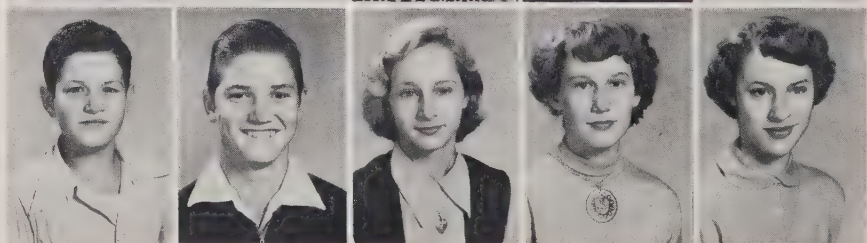
Sue Frances Ballard  
Audrey Black  
Billie Mae Brotherton  
Betty Brown  
Joyce Burgess



Reginald Canupp  
Nancy Cody  
Cecil Dellinger, Jr.  
Faye Duckworth  
Betty Sue Goodson



Joe Dan Grice  
Carroll Hager  
Sue Haynes  
Julene Howard  
Martha Howard





# *Freshmen*



First Row: Sarah Howie, Ann Kaylor, Larry Kelly, Joann Kennedy, Jimmy Lawing, Wanda Lawing, Danny Lineberger. Second Row: Anne Luckey, Jerry Miller, Joan Miller, Linda Morrison, Toby Mundy, Betty Newton, David Nixon. Third Row: Janice Perkins, Linda Mae Perkins, Steve Perkins, Evelyn Poole, Phyllis Primm, Donald Rudisill, Linda Rudisill. Fourth Row: Marshall Saunders, Maxine Sheppard, Donald Sherrill, Hazeleen Sherrill, Jimmy Sherrill, Jo Ann Shull, Bobby Sigmon. Fifth Row: Rachel Smith, Eugene Stilwell, Nancy Watts, Rodney Wilkinson, Myrtle Woods, Mary Alice Wright. Not Pictured: Geraldine Lockman, Shirley McConnell, Robert Christopher, Harold Lockman, Bobby Kay Sherrill.

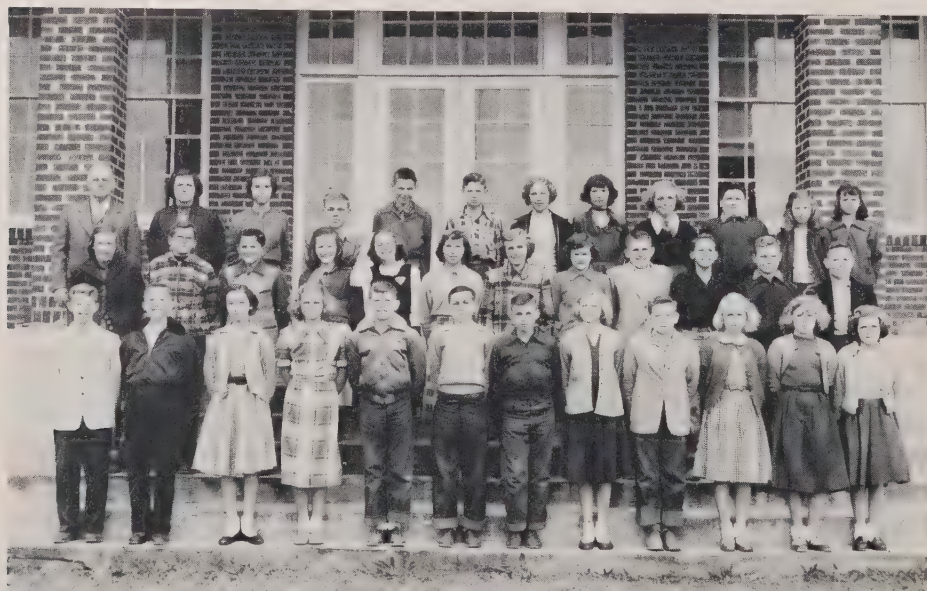


## *Eighth Grade*



First Row: Jeanette Graham, Pinkie Barker, Anna Beatty, Darrel Gray Dellinger, Eugene Henley, Bobby Little, Donald Perkins, Calvin Blalock, Larry Reel, Clayton Ballard, Tommy Ballard, Roger Jones. Second Row: Millie Dellinger, Rosa Ann McIntosh, Juanita Champion, Ruth Hager, Brenda Schronce, Emily Hager, Nelson Poole, Emily Loftin, Judy Lawing, Joyce Varner, Jo Anne Nixon, Kenneth Mundy. Third Row: Miss Spencer, Sara Stillwell, Frances Duckworth, Carol Jean Jetton, Pearlina Barker, Gloria Brotherton, Doris Houk, Shirley Lawing, Reid McGinnis, Tom Reel, David Ballard, Mr. Nixon. Fourth Row: Larry Ballard, Neal Reel, Tony Cloninger, Jackie Thompson, Jerry Sigmon, James Williams, Stamey Nixon. Not Pictured: Helen Stevens, Robert Saunders, Billy Burgess, Larry Black, Mary Lou Sherrill, Loletta Heron.

First Row: Coley Howard, Steve Little, Betty R. Brotherton, Vetra Mathis, Ronnie Rinehardt, Danny Lawing, J. E. Abernathy, Catherine Dellinger, Betty Lou Reel, Ruby Ballard. Second Row: Ruth Smith, Jake Porter, Tommy Ballard, Helen Champion, Brenda Sherrill, Brenda Saunders, Brenda Dellinger, David Saunders, Russell Harkey, Alvin Jones. Third Row: Mr. Waters, Ann Thompson, Violet Kever, Columbus Rainwater, Terry Wilson, David Henley, Judy Webb, Louise Christopher, Betty Christopher, Donnie Harris, Barbara Sherrill, Aileen McConnell.



## *Seventh Grade*





## *Sixth Grade*

First Row: Gwen Nixon, Brenda Perkins, Derry Little, J. C. Perkins, Charles Ballard, Ellis Brotherton, Coy Watts, Coyte Watts, Steve Mathis, Winford Hicks, Luther Killian, Sherman Lineberger, Joey Sherrill. Second Row: Trena Moring, Roy Rainwater, Glenn Calloway, Jr., Jerry Webb, Minnie Rhyne, Elaine Walkup, Carolyn Barkley, Loy Little, Judith Story, Patsy Lineberger, Peggy Huss, Joy Little. Third Row: Bobby Perkins, Tommy Dellinger, Mary Ruth Hoke, Alice Burgess, Barbara Warlick, Karen Sherrill, Martha Ballard, Gailya Calloway, Catherine Nixon, Sylvia Reel, Barbara Christopher, Larry Smith, Lena Hager. Fourth Row: Mrs. Waters, Teacher, Faye Crouse, Bernice Cash, Jimmie Perkins, Alvin Wilkinson, Wanda Jones, Nell Wilkinson, Wayne, Ballard, Janice Goodson, Larry Sherrill, Elizabeth Elder, Floyd Saunders, Curtis Bradshaw, Ambrose Richard, Mrs. Killian, Teacher. Not Pictured: Hubert Wright, Geneva Saunders, Barbara Loftin.

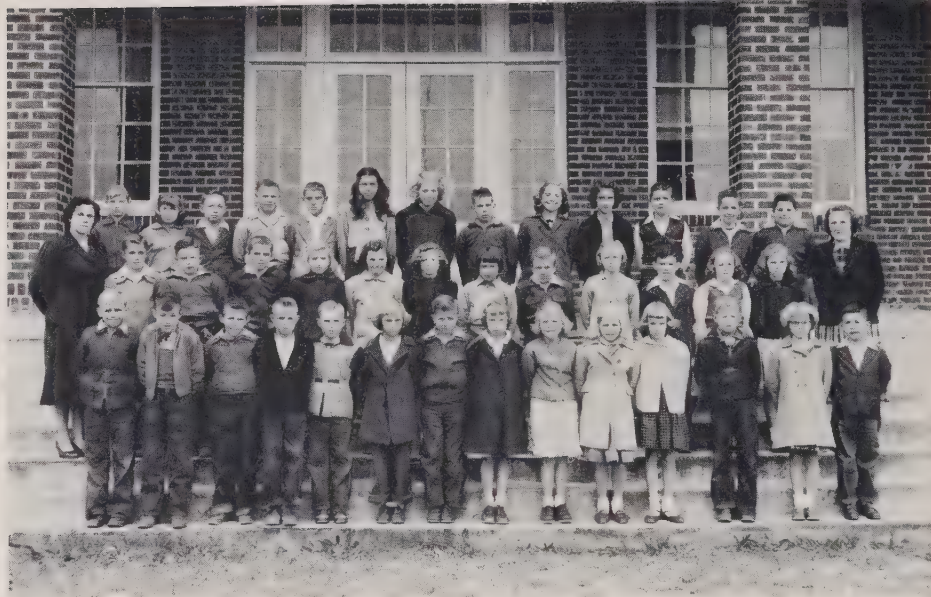
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## *Fifth Grade*





## Fourth Grade



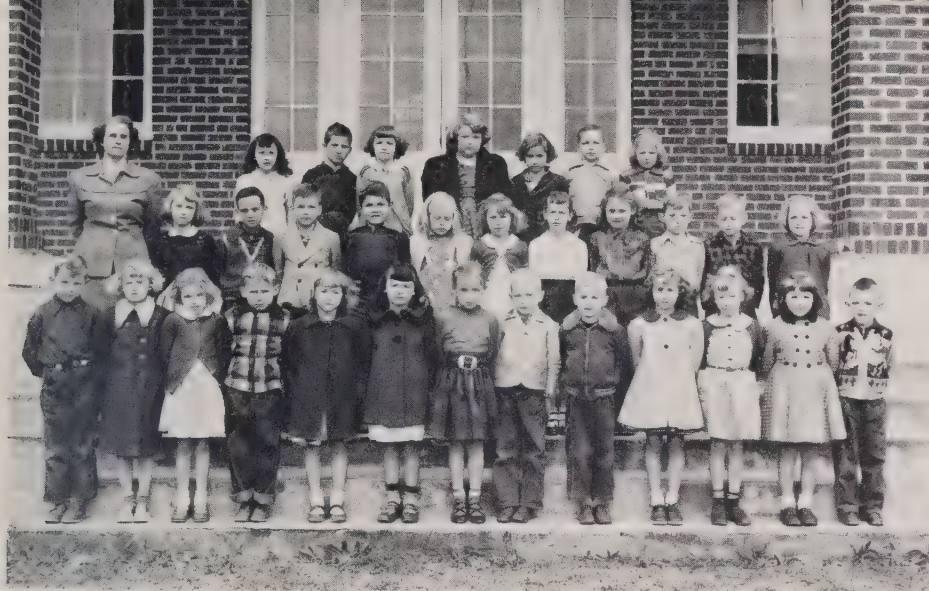
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First Row: Bill Riley, Sherran Crowder, Peggy Ballard, Janice Schronce, Joyce Schronce, Peggy Hopper, Brenda Howard, Bryant Perkins, Paul Callaway, Terry Overcash, Doranne Reel, Terry Barker, Keith Oates. Second Row: Terry Ballard, Patsy Cantrell, Frances Nixon, Mitchell Potter, Linda Barkley, Harold Howard, Carolyn Mundy, Janice Dellinger, Denny Dellinger, Donna Cornelius, Wayne Harkey. Third Row: Mrs. Herman Caldwell, Spencer Caldwell, Johnny Hoke, Patsy McConnell, Katherine Rhyne, Jerry Ballard, Mitchell Tickle, Jerry Goodson, Alfred Perkins, Henry Sherrill, Jerry Little, Lester Cobb, Mack Lockman, Terry Loftin, Shirley Woods, Mrs. Dennis Dellinger. Fourth Row: Sherran Lockman, Deane Schronce, Harold Deanne Little, Dennis Hager, Linda Sigmon, Vear Bell Crouse, Robert Benfield, T. J. Hicks, Mandy Richards, Robert Burgess, Herbert Burgess, Jerry Story, Linda Gilleland, Darrell Rhyne.



## Third Grade





## Second Grade

First Row: Donald Gilleland, Jeanette Hoke, Carolyn Drum, Gary Mac Saunders, Mary Alice Watts, Barbara Perkins, Terry Nixon, Ishemael Wilkinson, Timothy Bell, Kay Abernathy, Libby Ballard, Peggy Perkins, Buddy Abernethy. Second Row: Mrs. H. D. Abernethy, Martha Poole, Tony Lawing, Wilbur Mayes, Tommy Caldwell, Mary Lou Hilderbran, Alice Faye Newton, Jeanne Walkup, Judy Ricks, Ray Gene Barber, Jerry Cantrell, Sibyl Rudisill. Third Row: Sharon Sherrill, Lawrence Wilkinson, Sue Carolyn Sherrill, Alice Crouse, Linda Sue Sherrill, Dwight Callaway, Brenda Bean. Not Pictured: Ann Chastain, Charles Herron, Lorene Ballard, Paula Fisher, Linda Hood, Ruth Hager, J. D. Wright, Terry Brotherton, Dianne Cantrell.

First Row: Gary Alexander, J. W. McConnell, Stanley Dellinger, Wayne Mayes, Mack Goddis, Rita Hicks, Melvin Poole, Julian Rudisill, Gerald Henley, Tommy Little, Randy Sherrill, Vicki Wilson, Dianne Bollinger. Second Row: Howard Conner, Gail Oates, Judy Hagler, Carolyn Saunders, Sarah Shuford, Dennis Dellinger, Jimmy Jones, Garry McGinnis, Linda Gail Mathis, Johnny Henley, Larry Sherrill, Marvin Bradshaw, Danny Abernethy. Third Row: Terry Crowder, Frances Stroupe, Linda Little, Sharon Deaton, Vickie Whitesides, Larry Overcash, Sandra Little, Camilla Reinhardt, David Potter, Larry Smith, Johnny Perkins, Calvin Smith. Fourth Row: Mrs. Black, Harold Burgess, Anna Richards, Jimmy Reel, Mike Ballard, Jerry Burgess, Patsy Reel, Glenda Hager, Barbara Painter, Sandra Sherrill, Sandra Tickle, Kay Sigmon, Mrs. Hovis.

## First Grade





*Student Council*



*F.F.A.*

*Office Staff*







*Beta Club*



*F.H.A.*



*Library Staff*



*Journalism  
Club*



*Senior  
4-H Club*



*Intermediate  
4-H Club*





*Ripple  
Staff*



*Gregg  
Writers*



*Junior  
4-H Club*



*Rhythm Band*



*Glee Club*

*Bus Drivers*







*Band*



*Music  
Students*



*Cafeteria  
Staff*



## *Girls' Basketball*



## *Boys' Basketball*

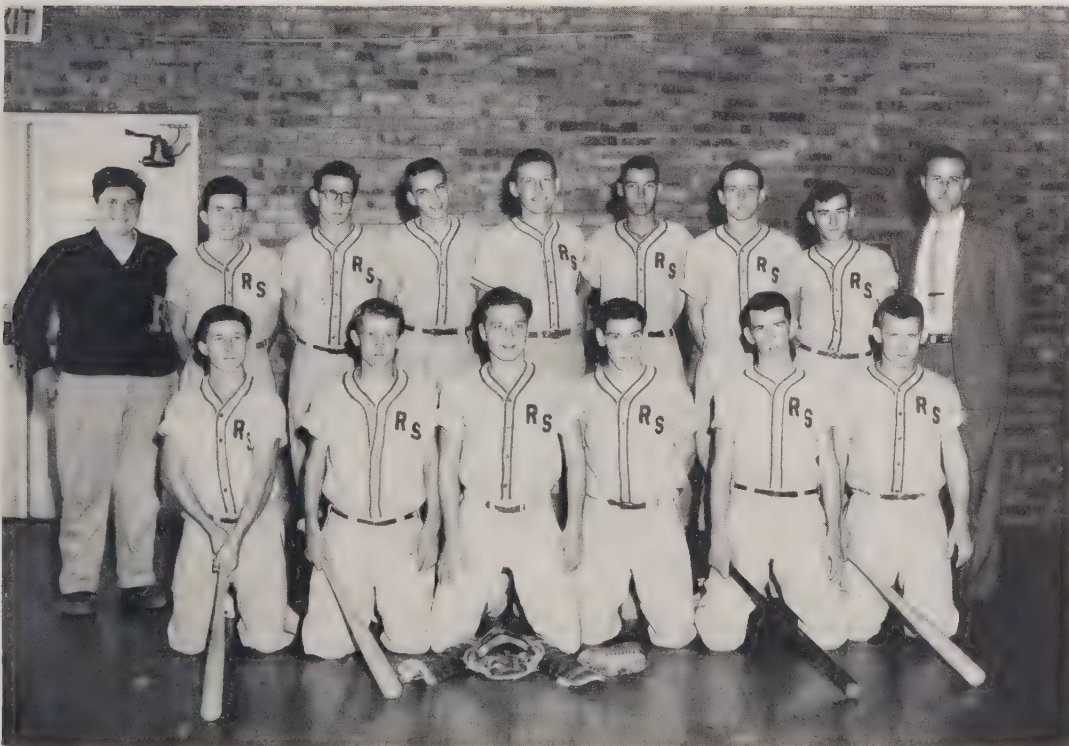




## *Cheerleaders*



## *Baseball*





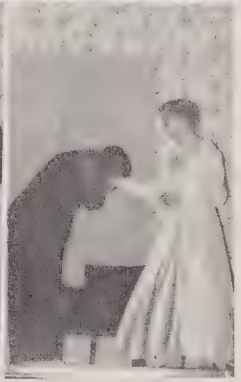
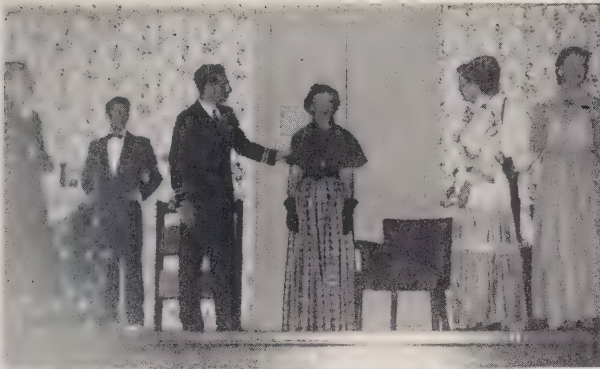
## *Janitor*



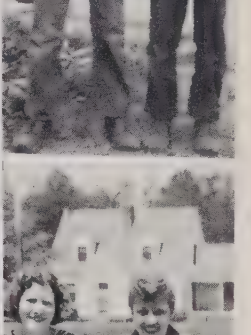
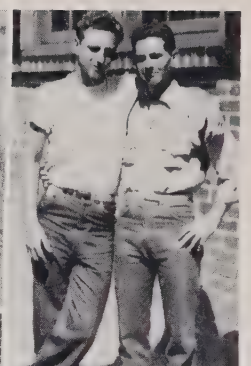
We, the senior class of '54, wish to thank you Jack, for the many little tasks you do for us each day, which add to our comfort and enjoyment at school. Although we never say it, "We appreciate the warm rooms, well kept floors, and beautiful grounds." We may seem to take these for granted; but, nevertheless, we do appreciate them and will remember them.



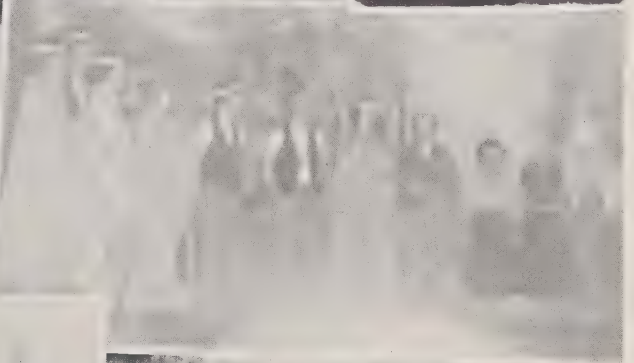
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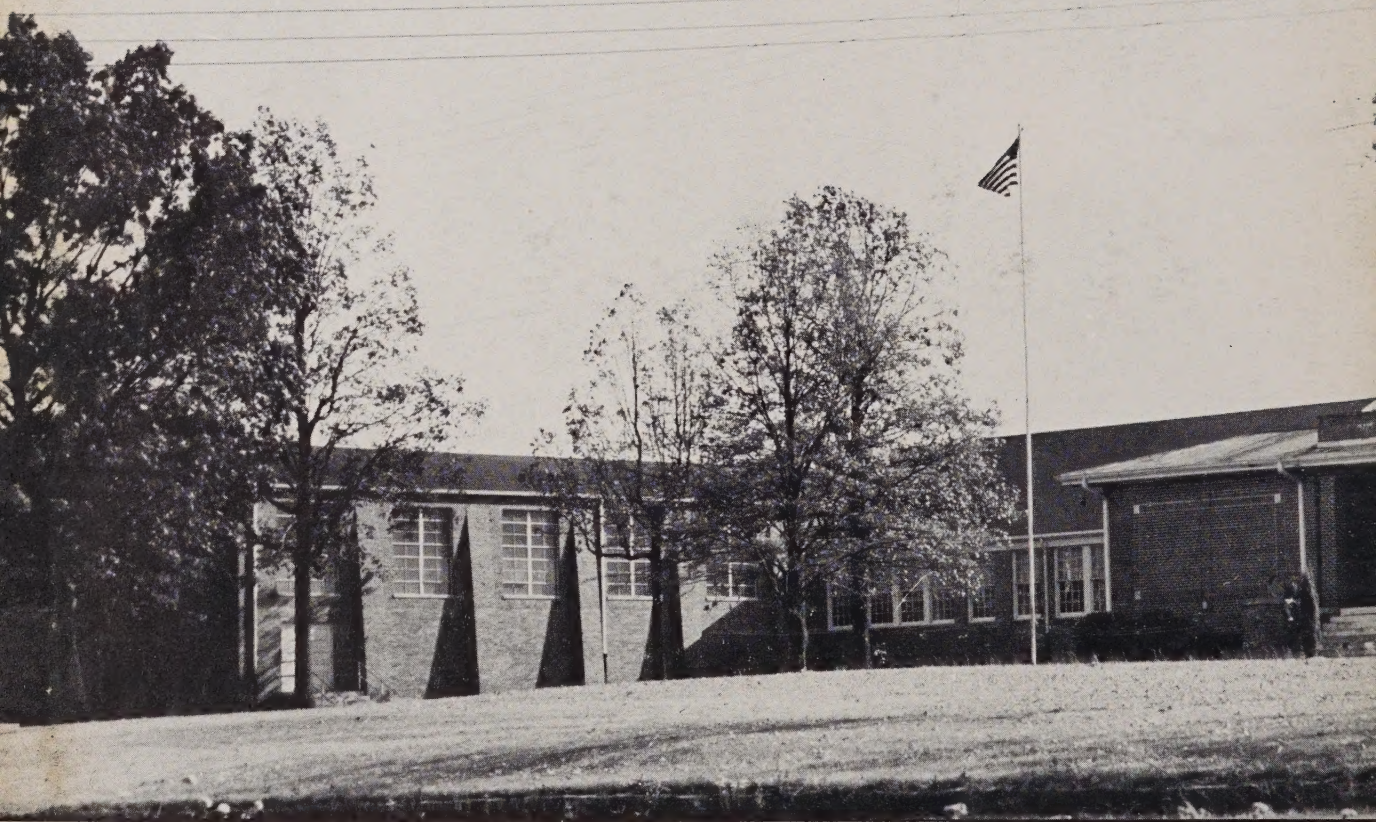
















### ALMA MATER

We've got the finest school that's in the land.  
We'll set our goal and there we'll take a stand.  
To put old Rock Springs on the top, top, top.  
We'll do this and we'll never stop, stop, stop.  
So fight, fight fight, fight all the time,  
And soon the whole wide world will quickly find.  
We'll stand for work, play, fun, pep, zip-boom-bah,  
Zip-boom-bah,  
Rah, Rah, Rah.



